

included since all amendments are made by way of inserting substituted pages. Accordingly, whereas the English language translation of the International Application includes pages 1-6 and a single sheet of substituted claims amended during Chapter II of the PCT under Article 34, the substituted specification includes pages 1-10.

Remarks

Applicant is filing a §371 U.S. National Phase utility patent application. Applicant encloses an English translated specification since the original PCT international priority application was filed in German. Applicant sets forth that nothing that could be construed as new matter was added to the application in preparing the English translation. Applicant encloses a "Verification of Translation" oath wherein the translator sets forth that to the best of his knowledge, the English specification is a true and complete translation of International Application PCT/DE99/03000.

Applicant makes amendments to the English translated specification merely to have the application comply with USPTO practice and procedure. In particular, Applicant has inserted the following headings: **Prior Applications** (with language identifying such prior applications), **Background of the Invention**, **1. Field of Invention**, **2. Description of the Prior Art**, **Summary of the Invention**, **Description of the Drawings** and

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Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment. Applicant has further added "preamble" language directly underneath the **Claims** heading found on page 8 of the substitute specification. Applicant respectfully points out that none of the aforementioned amendments could be construed as the introduction of new matter.

Applicant has canceled all of the original filed claims 1-6 of the priority application and all of the international application claims 1-5 from the English translated specification and has substituted a new set of claims numbered 7-13 found on pages 8-9 of the substitute specification. This was done to eliminate "multiple dependent" claim language used in the priority and international application and to place the claims in a form that complies with USPTO procedure. Applicant respectfully requests that the filing fee be calculated based upon the new set of claims numbered 7-13 wherein no multiple dependent claims are used, less than twenty (20) total claims are included with only one independent claim and the applicant is a small entity. Again, nothing in the new set of claims could be construed as the introduction of new subject matter.

Applicant finally wishes to point out that the aforementioned amendments, and in particular the addition of the new set of claims, was done to better encompass the full

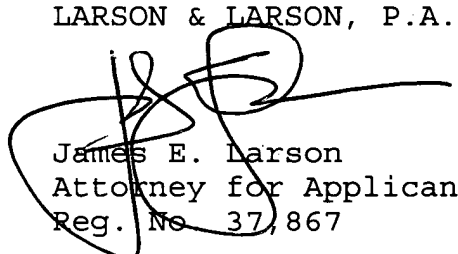
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scope and breadth of the invention. Notwithstanding, Applicant believes that the claims of the international application would have been allowable as amended. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that no claims in the substituted specification have been narrowed within the meaning of *Festo Corp. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).

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